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Application No.: 09/806,304
Examiner: Garcia, Ernesto
Art Unit: 3679

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. Interview of February 15, 2007

The applicant is appreciative of the opportunity to discuss the pending application with the examiner on February 15, 2007. During the interview, proposed amendments to the specification, claims, and drawings were discussed and agreed upon.

It was agreed that the applicant will submit a copy of the previously filed marked up copy of the substitute specification.

In response to the objection to the drawings, it was agreed that the applicant will submit a new drawing Figure 1, which removes the reference numerals 9 and 10, since they are shown in Figure 3. It was also agreed that the applicant will add cross-hatching to Figure 2 in order to show the filling compound. It was further agreed that the applicant will amend the description of drawing Figure 3 in the specification to indicate that the filling compound is not shown, for purposes of clarity.

It was also agreed that the applicant will amend the claims, as shown in the proposed amendment attached to the interview summary in order to overcome the objections and rejections of the claims, and the objections and rejections of the specification.

2. In the specification

A. Specification amendments

The specification is amended, as shown in the foregoing amendment to the specification, to clarify that Figure 3 does not show the filling compound for purposes of clarity. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, since the amendment only clarifies features previously illustrated in the drawing figures as originally filed.

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